

Appl. No.: 10/518,880

Suppl. Preliminary Amdt. Dated December 5, 2005

Response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated November 15, 2005

**REMARKS**

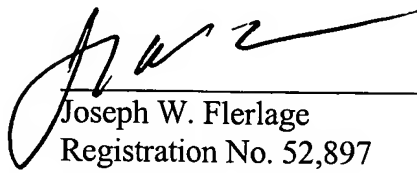
The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the pending claims are incorrectly numbered. Applicants thank Ms. Eva Gillis, Legal Instruments Examiner, for her consideration during a telephone conversation on November 23, 2005 with Applicants' representative. During that conversation, Ms. Ellis confirmed that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment refers to the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on December 20, 2004, and in particular, to missing claim 33 therein.

In the Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-24 were cancelled, and new claims 25-32 and 34-50 were presented. Claim 33 was not entered. The listing of claims in the present Supplemental Preliminary Amendment includes the proper status identifiers for each pending claim, as well as for non-entered claim no. 33.

Applicants have previously paid the fees for consideration and entry of the pending 25 claims in this application. Applicants have therefore calculated that no additional fees are due. Favorable consideration of this Supplement Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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